

diseases are remarkable. Trained as a microbiologist, Dr. La Montagne was a leader in the effort to develop a safer pertussis vaccine and new vaccines against childhood diarrhea and pneumonia. He guided the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Disease's response to the emerging AIDS crisis and led the effort to respond to severe respiratory syndrome within months of the first outbreak.

Globally, he played a central role in the organization of the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria. He served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Groups of Experts on Vaccines and Biologicals as well as for Vaccines and Immunization for the World Health Organization. He chaired the WHO Task Force on Strategic Planning for the Children's Vaccine Initiative, advised the Pan American Health Organization on its programs in vaccine research implementation, and served as a member of the board of the Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development.

As an influential contributor to the field of infectious diseases, Dr. La Montagne delivered many major lectures all over the world. He received many prestigious awards for his scientific accomplishments, including the Public Health Service Special Recognition Award for leadership in childhood vaccine research programs, the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation, the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, the Distinguished Executive Award for his work in the areas of infectious diseases research of global health relevance, the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for leadership of acellular pertussis vaccine trials, and most recently the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for design and implementation of critically important biodefense strategies.

As Dr. Zerhouni, the Director the National Institutes of Health said, "Personally, he was a dear friend and one of the finest people I have ever known. Professionally, in an NIH career spanning nearly thirty years, his leadership and commitment to improving global health were remarkable. His generosity, wit, even-handedness and kindness made him a friend to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed."

On November 2nd, our country and the world lost a great and good man.

HONORING BETTY MOSELY-MABERRY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1811, located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. On December 9, 2004, civic and community leaders will join family, friends, and members of Local 1811 to honor Ms. Betty Mosely-Maberry, who was unanimously selected by the Local's Executive Board to be the first recipient of their Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

The Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on UAW members who have authenticated 20 years of notable service. It honors the extraordinary contributions they have made to advance the cause of working people, their families, and commu-

nities. As Walter Reuther championed human dignity and social justice for all, the men and women who have received the award in his name have committed themselves to these same ideals.

Betty Mosely-Maberry began her career at Buick Medical in December 1967. She was one of the driving forces behind Local 1811's organization in 1972 and 1973, and as a result, was elected Chairperson of their bargaining unit. Over the years, Betty has fulfilled the duties of interim President and Vice-President of Local 1811, and officially represented them as Recording Secretary for over 16 years. Betty also served on their Civil Rights, Community Service, and Education Committees as either a member or Chair. Betty retired on July 1, 1999, although the influence she had on her peers was so great that she was asked to continue as Recording Secretary. She selflessly and respectfully declined the offer, citing that active members should hold the position. However, Betty decided to run for a trustee seat, which she won and holds to this day.

Mr. Speaker, all 22 members of UAW Local 1811's Executive Board feel that Betty Mosely-Maberry truly exemplifies the spirit in which the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award is given. Her willingness, hard work, and dedication to her brothers and sisters in labor as well as the community, are deserving of the highest respect. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to join me in commending her.

PROJECT INTELLICARE

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to speak about Project IntelliCare, a groundbreaking innovation in health care delivery that will revolutionize the way health care providers manage patient care, in addition to imparting tremendous improvements in the quality of care available to Americans.

As we all have undoubtedly read or witnessed in our districts, forecasts for the future of health care delivery are dire. Developments in medical technology have long been confined to procedural or pharmaceutical advances, while neglecting a most basic and essential component of medicine: patient information management.

The information systems that maintain patient files and transmit care history are antiquated in many of our hospitals and clinics. In fact, many systems are still paper based. The result: a patient's complete medical history is difficult to transmit when necessary and may not be available to new health caretakers, leaving the physician with a limited understanding of prior illnesses, treatment, and complications. This, in turn, leads to unnecessary and redundant testing and treatment and greater health risks due to preventable errors.

I would like to draw your attention to a May 3, 2004, New York Times op-ed by former Speaker Newt Gingrich and Congressman PATRICK KENNEDY. The writers correctly assert that information sharing may be one of the greatest issues facing health care provision

today, expounding on escalating costs and medical mistakes attributed to an archaic information system. They urge for bipartisan support of "moving American medicine into the 21st century" by standardizing information systems with technology readily available today.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that the innovation discussed as "a matter of life and death" has already arrived in the State of California. Project IntelliCare was first implemented by the Adventist Health System in 1999, over four years ago. The program is hailed by the Department of Health and Human Services as ahead of its time in Healthcare IT and is positioned to serve as a model for other systems throughout the country.

Project IntelliCare employs cutting edge technology to provide seamless integration of a patient's whole medical history. Through this initiative, medical records are maintained electronically and securely, available only to the patient's health care provider. Project IntelliCare ensures that when a patient goes to visit a physician, regardless of when, where, or why, the patient will receive treatment that is current and relevant. No longer will those in need of medical help suffer from incomplete or inaccurate care.

Project IntelliCare not only protects Americans from substandard health care, it promises more efficient and cost-effective delivery. Inflating health care costs and skyrocketing insurance premiums are highly salient issues today. Duplication or incorrect prescription of services places a large burden on insurance companies. Greater costs to insurance companies translate to higher premiums for employers that provide insurance, the selfemployed, and individuals who pay out of pocket for their health care. In addition, redundant or unnecessary care strains the capacity of health care providers. However, Project IntelliCare poses a mechanism to mitigate some of the factors that contribute to these higher costs.

Project IntelliCare promises to modernize the way American health care is administered with tremendous benefits in quality of care, efficient, and cost-savings anticipated to accrue.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important and exciting topic and urge my colleagues to support further funding for Project IntelliCare. By supporting this program, we work to collectively improve American health care standards and delivery.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE N. WILLIAMS

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eddie N. Williams, admired journalist, researcher, and civil servant who is retiring as President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Mr. Williams has led the Center for 32 years in its mission to improve the socioeconomic status of African Americans and other minorities, through research, policy analysis, and political engagement. In every sense, Mr. Williams' life and career are emblematic of how one courageous and hard working American can overcome challenges, take advantage of opportunities and make people's lives better.